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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF ENTRY AT BEN GURION TO AMCIT
ARTHUR WARMAN

1. WARMAN ARRIVED BEN GURION ON TWA 840 JANUARY 27. HIS PASSPORT WAS PICKED UP BY BORDER GUARDS AND HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER. HE WAS PUT ON ALITALIA FLIGHT FOR ROME SAME EVENING.
2. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK TO ASCERTAIN IF WARWAN IS PERMANENTLY OR ONLY TEMPORARILY PERSONA NON GRATA WITH GOI. WARMAN WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW EXACT REASON FOR NOT BEING ALLOWED TO ENTER ISRAEL.
3. FYI: WARMAN WAS TEACHING AT A SCHOOL IN RAMALLAH IN 1975-76 AND WITNESSED ISRAELI TROOPS BEATING STUDENTS DURING DISTURBANCES. SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE HIS EYE-WITNESS
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ACCOUNT TO NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER. WARMAN THOUGHT HE HAD CLEARED UP THIS MATTER WITH THE GOI IN 1976, BUT APPARENTLY HIS NAME IS STILL ON A LIST OF UNDESIRABLE ALIENS. WARMAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN RETAINED BY THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN MISSION TO PERFORM SERVICES

IN WEST BANK AREA AND WAS ENROUTE TO WEST BANK WHEN HE

WAS STOPPED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ON JANUARY 27. CONGEN
IS FAMILIAR WITH WARMAN'S EARLIER PROBLEMS WITH GOI.
DEPARTMENT AND AID DO NOT WANT GOI TO LEARN OF CONNEC-
TION BETWEEN AID AND WARMAN (WHO WAS TRAVELLING ON A TOUR-
IST PASSPORT) BECAUSE IT MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR HOLY
LAND CHRISTIAN MISSION PROJECT. WARMAN DID NOT TELL AID
OR HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN MISSION ABOUT HIS EARLIER PROBLEMS
WITH GOI AT THE TIME HE SIGNED CONTRACT WITH HOLY LAND
CHRISTIAN MISSION. END FYI. VANCE

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